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Crop Progress and Condition



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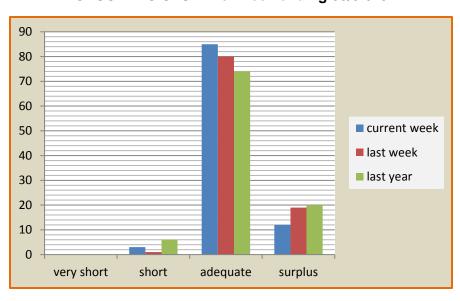
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Weather conditions were drier. Farming activities this week included repairing fences, applying fertilizers, vaccinating cattle, calving and lambing.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 03/31/19

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus | |
|----------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|--|
| | % | % | % | % | |
| Topsoil | - | 3 | 85 | 12 | |
| Subsoil | - | 3 | 82 | 15 | |
| Hay & Roughage | 7 | 42 | 48 | 3 | |
| Feed grain | - | 5 | 92 | 3 | |

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 03/31/19



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 03/31/19

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Apples | - | 2 | 66 | 31 | 1 |
| Peaches | - | 2 | 68 | 29 | 1 |
| Hay | 20 | 16 | 22 | 40 | 2 |
| Winter Wheat | 1 | 11 | 48 | 40 | - |
| Pasture | 7 | 41 | 18 | 32 | 2 |
| Cattle & Calves | 1 | 17 | 35 | 43 | 4 |
| Sheep & Lambs | - | 3 | 58 | 35 | 4 |

⁻ Represents zero.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 03/31/19

| Livestock Stage | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| | % | % | % | % | |
| Calved | 71 | 66 | 62 | 67 | |
| Lambed | 74 | 70 | 67 | 73 | |

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending March 31, 2019

Temperatures across West Virginia were, overall, just below average. Clarksburg (+1) was the only station that exceeded normal. Although temperatures were close to normal for the week, daily temperatures ranged from the mid to upper 70s with Southerly winds to overnight lows in the teens and 20s after a cold front passed through. The State was dry, with several days receiving zero precipitation. The precipitation during the week fell as cold fronts passed over the State early and late in the week. All stations ended the week below normal.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Charleston, Clarksburg, and Williamson had the highest recorded temperature of 78 degrees. Elkins and Bluestone Dam had the lowest recorded temperature of 19 degrees. The state average temperature was 45 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Parkersburg had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.86 of an inch. Moorefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.05 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.41 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 03/31/19

| | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|---------------|-------|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | We | eekly | We | eek's | Since April 1st | Same Week | Season |
| Station | High | Low | Average | Departure | Total | Norm | 2018 | Last Year | Normal |
| NORTHWEST | | | | | | | | | |
| WHEELING | 68 | 24 | 42 | -3 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 55.13 | 0.24 | 38.06 |
| PARKERSBURG | 73 | 24 | 45 | -3 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 54.70 | 0.51 | 41.41 |
| CRESTON | 77 | 20 | 44 | | 0.67 | | 59.36 | 0.54 | |
| NORTHCENTRAL | | | | | | | | | |
| MORGANTOWN | 75 | 25 | 46 | 0 | 0.64 | 0.87 | 53.58 | 0.60 | 41.83 |
| CLARKSBURG | 78 | 25 | 47 | 1 | 0.31 | 1.02 | 53.31 | 0.52 | 46.07 |
| BELINGTON | 76 | 21 | 44 | | 0.26 | | 63.16 | 0.61 | |
| WESTON | 76 | 22 | 45 | | 0.33 | | 70.82 | 0.61 | |
| SOUTHWEST | | | | | | | | | |
| WILLIAMSON | 78 | 25 | 50 | | 0.45 | | 53.01 | 0.45 | |
| HUNTINGTON | 75 | 24 | 48 | -2 | 0.45 | 0.87 | 57.26 | 0.61 | 42.82 |
| CHARLESTON | 78 | 21 | 47 | -3 | 0.30 | 0.83 | 60.16 | 0.90 | 44.24 |
| RIPLEY | 77 | 20 | 44 | | 0.67 | | 57.88 | 0.54 | |
| CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | |
| TERRA ALTA | 70 | 20 | 40 | | 0.60 | | 75.35 | 0.76 | |
| ELKINS | 75 | 19 | 44 | 0 | 0.22 | 0.94 | 65.41 | 0.68 | 46.19 |
| MARLINTON | 71 | 20 | 43 | | 0.16 | | 60.03 | 0.24 | |
| SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | |
| BECKLEY | 71 | 20 | 42 | -4 | 0.34 | 0.83 | 55.82 | 0.37 | 41.41 |
| PINEVILLE | 75 | 24 | 46 | | 0.39 | | 55.03 | 0.48 | |
| BLUEFIELD | 72 | 21 | 46 | -3 | 0.66 | 0.80 | 56.23 | 0.02 | 39.84 |
| WHITE SUL SP | 73 | 21 | 45 | | 0.26 | | 58.15 | 0.19 | |
| BLUESTONE DAM | 72 | 19 | 47 | | 0.13 | | 52.79 | 0.17 | |
| NORTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | |
| MARTINSBURG | 77 | 23 | 46 | 0 | 0.15 | 0.87 | 67.49 | 0.46 | 38.93 |
| KEYSER | 75 | 20 | 45 | | 0.32 | | 64.64 | 0.77 | |
| MOOREFIELD | 76 | 20 | 47 | | 0.05 | | 48.04 | 0.60 | |
| State Average Temperatur | . AE | | | | | | | | |

State Average Temperature 45 State Average Precipitation 0.41

Source:

Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.